

## CLAIMS

We claim:

1                    1.     A blanket cylinder for a printing press, said blanket cylinder having  
2     a rotational axis and a concave surface, concentric to said axis and extending over a  
3     printing width of said cylinder, for receiving a flat rubber blanket made of elastically  
4     deformable material, said cylinder comprising:

5                    a recess concentric to said axis and extending over said printing width; and  
6                    a film fitted in said recess, said film having an outside surface which forms said  
7     concave surface of said blanket cylinder.

1                    2.     A blanket cylinder as in claim 1 wherein said recess has a concave  
2     surface, said film having a uniform thickness .

1                    3.     A blanket cylinder as in claim 1 wherein said film fills said recess.

1                    4.     A blanket cylinder as in claim 1 wherein said recess has a  
2     cylindrical surface, said film being received against said cylindrical surface.